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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the same management misappropriated Rs. 80,000 which is to be deposited in a bank in the name of the workers under the supervision of the Government? May I also know whether the Hon. Minister has received any representation on this matter, and if so, what action has been taken by the Government against the management for the misappropriation of the fund?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am afraid that all these supplementary questions do not arise out of the main question. If the hon. Member would only give me certain particulars I shall go into them further."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will now pass on to the next question."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I submit, Sir, this is a very important question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It may be so."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" This question involves the labour policy of the Government."

MR. SPEAKER :—" There are so many other questions involving the labour policy of the Government. Apart from that, I have given fifteen minutes for this question. I must cover all the forty-five questions in one hour."

Investigation of the " Kallar Scheme ".

* 1130 *Q.*—SRI P. CHELLATHURAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to investigate the " Kallar Scheme " to provide more irrigation facilities to Ramanathapuram district; and

(*b*) if so, when the investigation will begin?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) This scheme is likely to be considered in connection with the Second Five-Year Plan.

" (*b*) It is not possible to state now when the investigation will be taken up."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Since the Finance Minister of the Government of India recently stated that the Madras Government had not sent up the proposal to include this Kallar Scheme in the Second Five-Year Plan, may I know, whether the Hon. Minister will send up the proposal to the Central Government to include the Kallar Scheme in the Second Five-Year Plan?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It has been brought to my notice that there are two rivers with the same name, viz., ' Kal Ar ' and ' Kallar '. The question of diversion of the waters of the former flowing

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in Shenkottah taluk for irrigation in Tenkasi taluk of Tirunelveli district was considered, but dropped for technical and financial reasons.''

The other Kallar is a tributary of the Periyar river adjoining the latter below the Periar lake. The question of utilization of the waters of this river was considered when the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission was here. He said that all these schemes were very uneconomical schemes. He further suggested that all schemes relating to these rivers —Kallar, Pambar and other rivers—could be grouped together and investigated by our Chief Engineer as to whether they could be developed as a combined scheme for irrigation and also for development of power.

The hon. Member must know that we have got to deal with another State in this matter. It is not so easy to send up a proposal as if we have got the thing in our hand. Firstly we have got to get the consent of the Travancore-Cochin State Government before we put up the scheme. The hon. Member little understands the position. This Government are not lagging behind in putting up schemes. The hon. Member is trying to accuse the Government. I am sorry the hon. Member is not aware of the entire facts.'' (Interruption.)

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Order, order.''

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' We have got to get the consent of the Government of Travancore-Cochin State before we put up proposals. How can we put up proposals for a thing which is not in our hands? We have had consultations with the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission about this scheme. The hon. Member must understand the difficulties of this Government. What is the use of accusing the Government without understanding the problem at all? That is very unfortunate, and that is my grievance. I am trying to explain the exact situation in which we are placed. What is the use of making slashing criticisms before you can understand it which is not conducive even to getting the work started? ''

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—'' May I submit through you, Sir, that Members of the House cannot have knowledge of all facts. They do not have the facilities to know all particulars as Ministers of the Government have. We are given the privilege of knowing facts only from the answers given by Ministers of the Government.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Hon. Members can ascertain the facts from Government by putting questions.''

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—'' Therefore, Ministers cannot find fault with a Member if he is not aware of the full facts. May I ask the Hon. Minister whether, as a result of the recent meeting

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between the officials and Ministers of this Government and the Travancore-Cochin State Government, there is any possibility of the latter Government agreeing to our proposals?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"I am only trying to explain to the hon. Member the facts about this case. I can understand that he cannot have information about all the facts. That is why I am trying to explain. Meanwhile, I am being heckled and I am accused before I could make hon. Members understand. They assume to themselves many things and put questions and persist in their accusations. That is what I object to. I am explaining to hon. Members the position and, after listening to me, if they bring any accusation I am answerable. They have no patience to listen to what I have been telling. That is my grievance. (Interruption from an hon. Member.) This hon. Member has been vociferous as if we have been lagging behind in our duty. Let me assure the hon. Members that we have been trying to do our duty. Even while we went to Trivandrum for negotiations with the Government of the Travancore-Cochin State in connexion with some other matter, we incidentally mentioned all these allied matters to them. There are so many difficulties. We have to put the matter to the Government of India and have to take their approval. The Government must sanction the scheme and include it in the Five-Year Plan. There is no use simply making slashing criticisms that we have not been doing anything."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—"Sir, on a point of order. When we ask questions, the Hon. Ministers are expected to give details. I think the Hon. Minister also must have some patience and he must give us all the facts which are available with him. We are entitled to get information from Ministers."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"In this case, more than the necessary information has been given. Actually more information is given than has been asked for."

RAJA M. A. MUTHIAH CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD :—"May I stress the urgency and importance of many irrigation schemes to be put through at least in the Second Five-Year Plan, as it has not been done, much to our regret, in the First Five-Year Plan? May I entreat the Hon. Minister in charge of the Public Works Department and the entire Government to pay immediate attention in the next few months to this matter and ask their Irrigation and Electrical Engineers to put up to the Government all possible schemes after exploring them and let the Government draft a memorandum on this subject and place that before the Legislature for discussion at an early date before forwarding it to the Planning Commission. May we have this assurance from the Government that they will do so? This will go a long way to allay the fears of not only the Members of this House but also the people of his State."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am afraid the suggestion is going too much beyond the scope of the question. When the hon. Member makes a suggestion, we will consider it. But let us now confine ourselves to this question."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" In this case, Sir, the Hon. Minister also should understand the difficulties of Members. The Hon. Minister said that before submitting the Kallar scheme to the Central Government, the Government of Travancore-Cochin State should be consulted. I want to know definitely whether the Government have started consulting with the Government of Travancore-Cochin State at least now."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Before we consult the Government of Travancore-Cochin State, first of all, we must understand whether our scheme is economical. We discussed this matter with the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission and he said that all schemes relating to these rivers should be combined so that the combined scheme could be made more attractive and more economical. We have asked our Engineers to investigate into this matter. After their investigation, we must propose to the Government of the Travancore-Cochin State to have a joint inspection with their Engineers and then make proposals. Therefore, in regard to any arrangements that we may have to make with the Government of Travancore-Cochin State, we have to investigate the scheme first. The Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission said that the Kallar scheme is very uneconomical . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" In half an hour we have covered only four questions. I now pass on to the next question."

Resolutions passed by the Tamil Nad Scheduled Caste Federation Convention on 13th April 1953.

* 1131 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions passed by the Tamil Nad Scheduled Castes Federation Convention, dated 13th April 1953, and if so, the action taken thereon? 11-30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. The resolutions were examined by the concerned departments of the Secretariat and action is being taken whenever necessary."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" தமிழ் நாடு தாழ்த்தப்பட்டோர் சம்மேளனம் நிறைவேற்றியுள்ள தீர்மானங்கள் சர்க்காரின் பார்வைக்கு வந்திருந்தால் அவைகளின் பேரில் ஆட்சி பீடத்திலுள்ளவர்கள் எடுத்துக்கொண்டுள்ள நடவடிக்கைகள் என்னென்ன ? அதனால் ஏற்பட்டுள்ள பலன்கள் என்னென்ன என்றும் அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Every resolution is treated as important as others. For instance, in